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TO: All Licensees under the Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering
DATE: 3/16/2020
RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In response to the escalating coronavirus issue, The Board of Cosmetology and Barbering ("Board") has prepared the following information for all licensees:

- 1) All licensees, including individual practitioners, shop/salon owners, and school owners should monitor their local Board of Health, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for up-to-date information on the coronavirus. Make sure to follow any and all directives from your local, state, and federal public health agencies on working or operating your business.
- 2) All shops and schools should comply strictly with the Board's sanitation requirements found in [240 CMR 3.03](#). If your local, state, or federal public health agency advises stricter sanitation guidelines, please incorporate these into your operations.
- 3) Salons/shops and schools should follow any guidance from their local, state, and federal public health agencies on closures and/or limiting customers. If schools must close, they should be flexible on adjusting student contracts to incorporate appropriately modified end dates.
- 4) If a school closes, it must submit notification of its closure and detailed plans for any distance-based learning to cosmetologyandbarberingboard@mass.gov. The distance-based learning plan must include qualitative and quantitative measurements of education. Schools must update the Board every 30 days from its original notification on any changes to its distance-based learning plan and closure status.
- 5) Accredited schools should follow any guidelines issued by NACCAS: <http://www.naccas.org> or their appropriate accrediting agency. Title IV Schools should follow the US Department of Education's guidelines on suspending operations: <https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/030520Guidance4interruptionsrelated2CoronavirusCOVID19>

Please contact the Board at cosmetologyandbarberingboard@mass.gov if you have any questions. Please also use the following links to stay informed:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-printable-fact-sheets>
- <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus?src=feature>

Please continue to be safe during this unfolding situation. Thank you.

